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The North Carolina Council of Defense

In the crisis through which the United States, along with the rest of the world, is passing, North Carolina is expected to play a not inconsiderable part.

The North Carolina Council of Defense, among its various activities, expects to make a systematic effort to collect for permanent preservation all kinds of material relating to the State's part in this crisis which will be of value to the historians in the future.

The Council of Defense accordingly has included in its Plan of Organization an Historical Committee. Following is the Council's statement of the duties of this committee:

"Historical Preservation.—The State wants to keep a complete record of all its volunteer and National soldiers and sailors, and also of its nurses, physicians, chaplains, and service-renderers of every description. It wants to preserve the names of all North Carolinians serving with units from other States, and to keep a record of any heroic or distinguished performance by its sons and daughters."

There are many kinds of material which will be of great value to the historian that

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are likely to be lost or destroyed unless saved through such systematic efforts. This material is such as illustrates the state of mind of the people, their points of view toward the war, local as well as State events and activities, the effect of the war on social, educational, economic, agricultural, political, religious conditions, personal achievements, or sacrifices, or distinguished services of individuals, and the like, as follows:

1. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Under this head come (a) municipal ordinances relating to the war; (b) proclamations and other public papers of the Governor, sheriffs, mayors, and other public officials; (c) documents issued by State or local boards of food conservation, and other public boards and commissions growing out of the war or relating to the war; (d) posters (recruiting for army and navy, for Liberty Loan, Red Cross Fund, etc.).

2. SEMIOFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

These include resolutions, reports, and activities of (a) public meetings, (b) social, labor, professional, charitable, religious organizations; (c) Red Cross chapters; (d) special committees on Liberty Loan, Y. M. C. A. Fund, Red Cross Fund, etc. As far as possible, the

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names of persons taking active part in such work should be preserved as well as the results of their work.

3. PUBLIC-SERVICE DOCUMENTS

These include announcements, notices, orders, etc., relating to the war of (a) transportation companies and other public-service corporations; (b) mills, factories, mining companies, and other industrial corporations.

4. EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

Such as documents, records, reports, etc., showing effect of the war on schools and colleges as regards (a) attendance; (b) courses of study; (c) teachers; (d) tuition and fees; (e) military training, etc.

5. ECONOMIC MATERIAL

Includes (a) price lists (b) quotations from local markets; (c) advertisements showing the effect of a state of war on economic conditions; (d) bank statements; (e) financial statements of corporations.

6. PROPAGANDA MATERIAL

This includes circulars, letters, advertisements, resolutions, etc., designed to influence public opinion as to (a) preparedness; (b) conscription; (c) registration under the selective

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draft law; (d) American participation in the war; (e) peace terms; (f) any other questions relating to the war.

7. PICTORICAL MATERIAL

Photographs of (a) local events; (b) bodies of troops; (c) individual soldiers; (d) military camps, etc.

8. MILITARY MATERIAL

(a) Names, addresses, and records of North Carolina soldiers and sailors; (b) members of officers' training camps; (c) lists of men enrolled under the selective draft law; (d) those selected; (e) organizations of the National Guard; (f) efforts of local communities to aid enlistments; (g) any matter relating to North Carolina soldiers, collectively or individually.

9. MANUSCRIPT MATERIAL

Under this head come (a) letters from soldiers in camp or at the front; (b) diaries; (c) sermons and public addresses relating to the war.

10. WOMAN'S WORK

The women of the State are engaged in many forms of patriotic service—(a) Red Cross work; (b) nursing; (c) knitting for soldiers and sailors; (d) gardening, etc. Records of their activities should be carefully preserved.

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11. NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

Clip from local papers any articles bearing on any of the phases of the war mentioned above. *Be certain to mark in some way on every clipping the name and date of the paper from which it is taken.*

12. OTHER MATERIAL

The above categories are mentioned only by way of illustration. In general, collect and preserve everything in manuscript or in print bearing on the part that North Carolina, or any community in North Carolina, or any individual North Carolinian may take in serving the country in the present world crisis.

Such material, *as collected*, should be mailed to R. D. W. Connor, Raleigh, N. C., so that it may be properly filed and preserved among the collections of the North Carolina Historical Commission.

Some idea of the value of such material for future historical purposes may be had if we will think for a moment how much we should value such material of the Revolution or Civil War periods had somebody during those crises made the effort which it is the purpose of this booklet to stimulate.

All communications relative to this work should be addressed to R. D. W. CONNOR, Raleigh, N. C.

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